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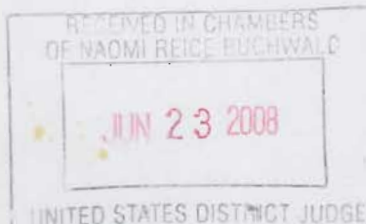
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Honorable Naomi R. Buchwald (By FAX)
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
Daniel Patrick Moynihan
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 2270
New York, NY 10007



Re: United States v. Harold Lopez-Castro, a/k/a "Bogotano,"
08 Cr. 268 (NRB)

Dear Judge Buchwald:

The Government respectfully requests that the Court reschedule the next pre-trial conference in the above-captioned case, currently scheduled for July 1, 2008, for July 18, 2008, at 3:30 p.m. At the defendant's request, the Court recently substituted counsel. Given the change in counsel, the parties have reinitiated discussion of a possible disposition of the case. The Government therefore also requests that the Court exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. 3161 et seq., until the July 18, 2008, pre-trial conference, in the interests of justice.

Respectfully submitted,

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